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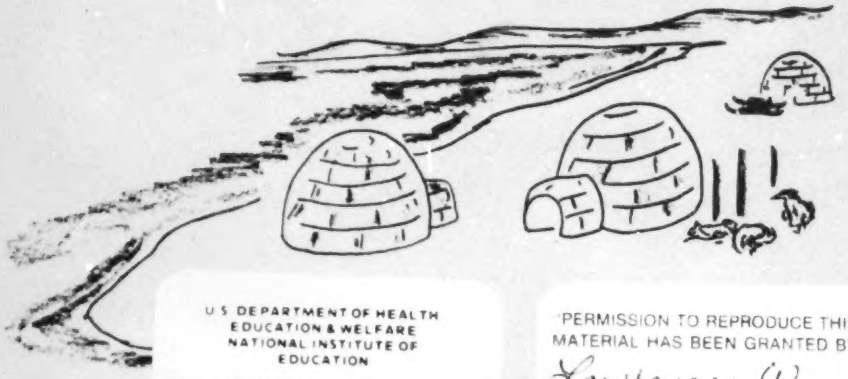

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## ALASKAN VOCABULARY

bearded seal - a very large seal (oogruk)

igloo - an Eskimo home; may be made of wood,dirt, bones or snow

needle - long ago made of bone

oil lamp - a large flat stone, hollowed out in the middle that burns seal oil

seal - smallest salt water mammal

tomcod - smallest salt water fish

white whale - truly white and from15 feet to 20 feet long (beluga)

tundra - flat, swampy in summer and frozen in winter

A little boy lived a long time ago. He lived in a little igloo with his grandmother. The little boy and his grandmother lived on the tundra. They lived by the big cold water.

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The grandmother made things with a needle. The little boy made oil lamps. But there was no hunter in the igloo. There was no hunter to hunt for something to eat.



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For a long time there was not a thing in the igloo to eat. For a long time the boy was hungry. He asked his grandmother for something to eat.

The grandmother said, "Now you are the hunter. Go down to the big cold water and look for something to eat."



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Down to the water he went. He was very hungry.

The boy looked in the big cold water. He saw a little tomcod. He took the head off the little tomcod. He ate all the little tomcod. Now he was the hunter. Now he caught things to eat.



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He looked in the big cold water. He saw a long seal. He caught the long seal. He took the head off the long seal and he ate all the long seal. But the little boy was still hungry.

The little boy was still hungry. He went on along the big cold water. He looked in the cold water. He saw a big bearded seal. He caught the big bearded seal. He took the head off the big bearded seal. He ate all the big bearded seal.

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The little boy was still hungry. He went on along the big cold water. He looked in the cold water and saw a white whale. He took the head off the white whale. He ate all the white whale.

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Now the little boy was not hungry. Now he was the hunter. He caught a little tomcod. He caught a big bearded seal. He caught a white whale. He ate them all.

Now the little boy wanted to sing. He was very happy. He was not hungry. He wanted to sing to his happy belly. He went along singing and rubbing his happy belly.

He went on the tundra by the big cold water. He went to his grandmother's igloo. He went along rubbing his happy belly and singing. He was singing to the tomcod. He was singing to the long seal. He was singing to the bearded seal. He was singing to the white whale. He was singing to them all.



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He tried to go in thru the door. He was much too big to go in thru the door. His happy belly was much too big. He ate too much.



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"How can I come in?"
he asked his grandmother.

"Come in thru the window,"
said the grandmother.

The window was not as
big as the door. But he tried
to come in thru the window.
He was much too big. He
ate too much.



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"I can not come in thru the window," said the little boy. 'How can I come in?" he asked his grandmother still.

"Come in the air hole," said the grandmother. The air hole was not as big as the window. But he tried to come in thru the air hole. He was much too big to come in the air hole. His happy belly was much too big. He ate too much.



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"I can not come in the air hole," said the little boy. 'How can I come in?" he asked his grandmother still.

"Come in thru the hole in the needle," she said. The hole in the needle was not as big as the air hole. But thru the hole in the needle the little boy did come down in the igloo. Down went the needle. Down went the boy.



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The grandmother saw how big he was. She saw how big his happy belly was. She saw he ate too much.

"Boys with big bellies can not go by the seal oil lamp," said the grandmother.

But he was much too big. Down he went on the seal oil lamp.

The grandmother was not in the igloo now. She was on the tundra.

The boy and the seal oil lamp went----------BOOM! There was a very big boom all along the big cold water when the little boy went down on the seal oil lamp. There was a very big boom all along the tundra.



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The grandmother saw the big boom. She went to the igloo. She looked in the window----------

----------there was no little boy. There was no seal oil lamp.



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In the igloo was the big cold water. In the water was a little tomcod, a long seal, a big bearded seal, and a white whale. She saw that the little boy ate too much.

A long time ago the little boy ate too much. He ate too much for he was very hungry. A long time ago the little boy went BOOM!

Little boys still go hungry. Little boys still eat too much. Little boys still sing and rub happy bellies. But not all little boys with happy bellies go boom.

## VOCABULARY LIST

as
*a
ago
air
*all
*and
ate
ask(ed)
bearded
belly (ies)
*big
boom
*boy
*but
*by
*can
caught
*cold
*come
*did
door
*down
*eat
*for
*go
he
hunter
*I
igloo
*in
lamp
*little
lived
*(a) long
*look(ed)
much
*made
needle
*no
*not
*now
*off
oil
*on
rub(ing)
*said
*saw
seal
*she
something
sing
still
*the
*them
*they
*there
thing
thru
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*to
*too
took
tomcod
tried
tundra
you
*very
*was
water
*went
whale
*white
window
*with
*when

The vocabulary in this book is limited to 75 different words. Each word is repeated at least three times with a total of 771 words.

* Basic Sight Word List

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